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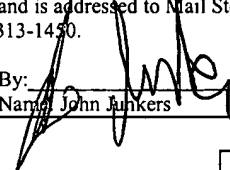
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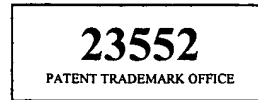
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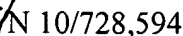
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Dear Sir:

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. No fee is due as this statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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